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TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board met in regular weekly session June 27, 1912. Members and officers all present. Minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

A number of demands were read and referred to the finance committee.

Trustee Oliver was appointed a committee of one to arrange with The Tropico Sentinel for having 500 copies of the building ordinance printed in book page form.

The application of the Glendale Consolidated Water oCmpany for permission to blow sand and water out of the company's well, known as the Griswold well, into the gutter of the San Fernando road, was referred to Trustee Webster of the committee on public streets with direction to grant the application on the promise of the water company in writing to pay all damages to public and private property resulting from the blow-out.

The matter of erecting street signs referred to the street committee.

Contractors' proposals to perform work of improvemnt of Laurel street were opened and read as follows:

Proposal of W. J. Brand

Grading per linear foot, 28 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 3 cents.
Curb, per linear foot of cement curb, 23.8 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8.9 cents.

Proposal of Garley & Clark

Grading per linear foot, 30 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 2.75 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 24 cents.
Sidewalk, per square foot of sidewalk, 9 cents.

Proposal of Cox & Mathews

Grading per linear foot, 30 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 3.25 cents.
Curbing per lineal foot of cement curb, 24 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8 cents.

Proposal of D. C. Howard

Grading per linear foot, 26 cents.
Oiling and tamping, per square foot, 2.5 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 21.5 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8.5 cents.

Proposal of F. R. Sinclair

Grading per linear foot, 23 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 2.5 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 21.5.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 7.75 cents.

Contractors' proposals to do improvement work on Acacia avenue:

Proposal of F. R. Sinclair

Grading per linear foot, 35 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 2 3-8 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 21½ cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 7 5-8 cents.

Proposal of Garley & Clark

Grading per linear foot, 30 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 2.75.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 23 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8.4 cents.

Proposal of W. J. Brand

Grading per linear foot, 27 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 3 1-8 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement work, 23.75 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 9 cents.

Proposal of D. C. Howard

Grading per linear foot, 20 cents.
Oiling and tamping per square foot, 2.5 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 21:5 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8.5 cents.

Proposal of Cox & Mathews

Grading per linear foot, 30 cents.
Oiling and tamping, per square foot, 3 1-8 cents.
Curb, per lineal foot of cement curb, 24 cents.
Sidewalks, per square foot of sidewalk, 8 cents.

The bids were referred to City Engineer Lynch, with instructions to furnish the board with estimates as a basis of resolution awarding contract.

City Engineer Lynch reported the bid of F. R. Sinclair for Laurel street work as lowest and best.

Resolution awarding contract to do work of improvement of Laurel street to F. R. Sinclair read and adopted. Resolution elsewhere published.

Some eight years ago a Japanese boy named K. Yamamoto came to Tropico and engaged in the berry business. Bright, energetic, industrious and affable he soon established himself a favorite not only with his own people, but with Americans. An amiable trait of the Japanese is that they do not forget their friends. Thus it happens that the SENTINEL office was rembered by Mr. Yamamoto a few days since with a case of very fine rock ford melons from Brawley, Cal., where he is now living and prospering.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS

Unnecessarily concerned about the attitude of certain newspapers on the subject of consolidating city and county governments, at least as it looks to us, and in order that the public may get a clear understanding of its position in reference to the matter, the Law Committee of the Board, under date of June 4, last, submitted the folowing report, to-wit:

"In view of the fact that the plan for the framing of a county charter is meeting with objection in certain quarters on the ground that such plan represents an attempt to bring about a consolidation of the government of the City of Los Angeles and of the government of the County of Los Angeles, you are advised that the constitution of California does not empower or permit this Board of Freeholders to frame a charater which would bring about or effect such consolidation."

Whereupon the Broad proceeded to adopt the following:

Preamble and Resolutions

"Whereas, Some of the newspapers of the county, belonging to the County Press Association, are opposing the proposed county charter in advance of its preparation and without knowledge as to what it will not contain; and

Whereas, A considerable part, if not all, of such opposition appears to spring from the wholly erroneous idea that the charter can in some way affect, or advance, the consolidation of the governments of the City and the County of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, It is not only advisable, but just, that the charter, when framed, be placed before the people without prejudice against it or misunderstanding of it, therefore be it

Resolved, That this board earnestly requests the County Press association, and the various newspapers composing the same, carefully, and with the aid of legal counsel, if advisable, to investigate the question as to the bearing which the proposed charter may or may not have upon such consolidation; and be it further

Resolved, That the newspapers of the county be, and they hereby are, respectively requisted to suspend judgment upon the charter until its preparation is complete; and be it further

Resolved, That the secretary of this board be, and he hereby is, directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to each of the newspapers of the count."

NOT THOUGHT IMPOSSIBLE

The idea that the consolidation of city and county governments could be effected, either directly or indirectly, by this board is senseless and we very much doubt if it was seriously entertained in any quarter, county newspaper or otherwise.

But, while limited by the constitution to holding the county government to travel in certain old and well-worn ruts, we have not thought it impossible for the body of distinguished men composing the Board of Freeholders to have ideas of municipal government that, if embodied in the form of recommendations of constitutional amendments, would tend to getting the government of the county out of the ruts and well along on the road to achievement of something worth while in the race for general civic betterment, even though it were through the consolidation of county and city governments.

LATEST CONCLUSIONS

At the board's meeting of June 11, it was agreed that the new charter should provide for the election of supervisors by districts instead of by the county at large.

The special order at last Tuesday evening's meeting was the report of the committee on Supervisors and Public Institutions.

By a vote of eight to four the board fixed the number of supervisors at five.

By a unanimous vote of all the members present Section 2 of the committee's report, providing that the supervisors be elected in groups of two and three alternately every two years, thus making their terms of office four years, was adopted, as was Section 3 reading as follows:

Section 3. In regard to public institutions, we recommend that the Board of Supervisors have the general control and supervision over all the public institutions now existing or which may hereafter be created by law, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 4 was adopted, with the following change: "After the word 'California' and before the word 'instead' the following was inserted: 'and not inconsistent with the provisions of the charter as to such powers and duties.'"

Section 4. In regard to the "powers and duties" of the Board of Supervisors, we recommend that a general provision be inserted in the charter, conferring upon such board, all the powers and duties now, or which may hereafter be authorized by the constition and laws of the State of California," instead of enumerating such "powers and duties" in detail.

On motion of Mr. Booth a special committee of five is to be appointed to redistrict the county with reference to supervisorial districts.

The board also voted that the charter should provide for the election by the people of the District Attorney and the County Auditor.

A resolution providing that the County Assessor be appointed by the Board of Supervisors was made the special order for the next meeting, and Mr. Hopkins, County Assessor, is invited to be present.

A communication from Mr. A. W. Mayell of Long Beach, suggesting the establishment of a county abstract department, was referred to the Law Committee.

Pico Heights lodge officers and drill team of the Fraternal Brotherhood will install Tropico officers for the ensuing year. All brothers and sisters are cordially invited to be present Wednesday evening, July 3 in K. of P. Hall, Tropico.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Morris M. Cook and family are "home again" and happy at 217 Brand boulevard.

Misses Minnie and Margaret Dixon are at Ocean Park with their brother who is quite sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thadaker are gone to Santa Barbara for a season of rest and recreation.

Fred R. Sinclair gets contract with city for improving Laurel street at 2.33½ cents per front foot.

Mrs. J. S. Dehnel, of Pomona, visited her sister, Mrs. W. A. Chapman, El Bonito avenue, on Tuesday last.

MACDONALD'S EXPRESS TRANSFER AND STORAGE, 1111 W. BROADWAY, GLENDALE.

Glendale merchants are bidding lustily and successfully for the trade of the people of Tropico by advertising in the SENTINEL.

Dr. Duncan and family are getting nicely settled in their new home on the San Fernando road, just south of the old post office.

FINE LINGERIE; ALSO WHITE CROSS CORSETS, AT MRS. NORTON'S, 411 SO. BRAND BOULEVARD, GLENDALE.

Robert Dannier left with his sons on Sunday last for Walnut, Kans., on a visit of a few months to his father and mother.

IF YOU WANT A HOME IN THIS VALLEY, SEE CUNNINGHAM, SUNSET 251-J.

Miss Eulalia Richardson will start from Stanford University July 7 on her way to her home in Tropico, via the City of York and the Isthmus of Panama.

Buy your pies, cakes and delicacies from the ladies of the M. E. Church of Tropico. All home cooking. Sale all afternoon of next Saturday, July 6th, at the O. K. Market in Tropico.

HAVE THE SENTINEL SENT TO YOU AT YOUR VACATION ADDRESS. NO EXTRA CHARGE.

Mr. John Hobbs, deputy county assessor, informs us that the value of Tropico property for purposes of taxation is assessed at about $735,000, or $740,000, for the taxes of 1912-1913.

Guy E. Rice, of Lindsay, Cal., is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Rice, Tropico and Central avenues, slowly recovering from a serious illness.

Mrs. Jennie Mason (nee Tuttle) has taken leave of Lindsay for the summer, at least, and in the meantime will stay at her old stamping ground in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Coughlan, wife of Col. M. G. Coughlan, Ceritos and Gardena avenues, and mother of Mrs. Valdez, is happily recovering from a critical surgical operation, though still weak.

MACDONALD'S EXPRESS TRANSFER AND STORAGE, 1111 W. BROADWAY, GLENDALE.

Wilson Kenney and family have moved into their elegant new home in the Richardson Tract on Fernando boulevard, and are becoming "oldtimers" of Tropico at a fine pace.

J. E. Martin and family have been sojourning for several days at San Pedro, the big harbor town of Southern California, watching the coming and going of the great ships.

W. R. Phelan, a former resident and business man of Tropico, now with the Southern California Gas Co., and a resident of Glendale, has just returned from a two weeks' vacation at Balboa.

FOR CAREFUL PIANO MOVING, CALL MACDONALD'S EXPRESS.

The brisk competition of the Davis Grocery Company with a local competitor has effected a reduction in the price of potatoes to a figure that places them within the reach of the ordinary householder.

This paper is a weekly visitor to almost every home in Tropico and South Glendale and our increasing lists of advertisers is positive proof that as an advertising medium it is a business getter.

The city of San Fernando has engaged Fred Baker, city attorney of Tropico, to serve as the attorney of that city also, and on yesterday Mr. Baker entered upon the discharge of his duties in that capacity.

The Young People Evangelist Union of Tropico and Glendale will hold their regular meeting at the First M. E. Church of Glendale the first Tuesday in August at 7:45 p. m.

S. G. Biddle, Pres.
Glen Porter, Sec.

AGENCY FOR MAY MANTON'S PATTERNS, ALL 10 CENTS EACH, AT MRS. T. H. NORTON'S, 411 SO. BRAND BOULEVARD, GLENDALE.

From the number of Tropico patrons of Los Angeles and Glendale picture shows there are, we conclude an establishment of the kind would take well in this locality.

The SENTINEL office is now equipped with a Home phone, as well as with a Sunset:

San Fernando Valley Home: 1547.
Sunset, Glendale 300.

LACE, 5 CENTS AND 10 CENTS PER YARD, AT MRS. NORTON'S, 411 SO. BRAND BOULEVARD, GLENDALE.

Joe Webster has turned his attention to real estate and entered into partnership with W. G. Black in that line of business. Joe is a genial gentleman, popular and worthy of the success he is sure to have.

Mrs. A. L. Bancroft, our mayor's mother, is at present seeing England. She will next cross the Channel and see the other countries of Western Europe. She has seen London and dislikes it. Tropico, she thinks is much the nicer place.

William Wibleitz, better known as "Jersey Bill," and O. E. Burch, sometimes "Orange-Lemons," started today for a trip into the wilds of the north. Watch the papers for an estray notice or a new story of "Babes of the people. Who comes next we wonder?

Miss Grace Nicholson, 237 E. Acacia avenue, one of Tropico's most popular young ladies, left Saturday for a few weeks' visit to her brother, C. D. Nicholson and family, at Lancaster, Cal.

TRY CONKEY'S FLY KNOCKER FOR 15 DAYS. Your money back quick if you are not satisfied. Qt. 35c; 2 qts, 60c; gal., $1. Get a can now. For sale by Davis Grocery Co.

It was announced by Rev. Hatch on Sunday last that the balance of the fund for the building of the Presbyterian Sunday school annex had been assured him by Los Angeles Presbytery and was now available for that purpose.

Mr. H. D. Cross, 229 Mira Loma street, in the Richardson Tract, one of the Los Angeles Y. M. C. A.'s corps of secretaries, is compelled to give up work and betake himself to the hospital for medical treatment for a few weeks only it is hoped.

FOR SALE--HIGH GRADE ELLINGTON PLAYER PIANO, with twenty rolls of music. Would trade for desirable lot in Tropico or Glendale. Call at 137 W. Park Avenue, Tropico, Cal. 3t-pd

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L. M. Appleby has sold his place on the southwest corner of Riverdale drive and Columbus avenue and removed to Los Angeles. We understand the spacious residence and grounds are to be converted into a sanitarium or other benefaction of some kind by the purchaser.

An attempt is to be made by the Glendale Consolidated Water Company to restrain the cities of Glendale and Tropico from enforcing the provisions of their respective ordinances fixing rates for water service. Arrangements for filing petition for same were completed yesterday.

Chicken troubles require prompt treatment and delay is invariably costly. At the first sign of bowel trouble or indigestion give Conkey's Cholera Remedy. Your money refunded if it doesn't work. For sale by Davis Grocery Co.

Music lovers of Tropico should not fail to attend the 29th Free Concert, given by the M. E. Sunday School Orchestra at the First M. E. Church, corner of 6th and Hill streets, Los Angeles, Tuesday evening, July 2. Some of Tropico's finest talent, including Mrs. S. G. Biddle, will take part in the entertainment.

Mr. A. P. Hill, Jr., master of the manual training department of the San Jose Normal school, wife and children, will pass the summer in Tropico. Mrs. Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. McKenny, and the ladies twain will live again the days galore now gone before.

The Baraca and Philathea classes of the Presbyterian Sunday school enjoyed a hay ride at Griffith Park, Tuesday evening, about forty members of the two classes attending. The large hay rack was filled and the young folks made the early moonlight hours ring with their laughter and shouts. On arrriving at the park supper was served by the Philathea girls, after which the crowd climbed Bee rock, followed the trail to the spring, while a few stole quietly away from the "bunch" for a blissful walk up "Lovers' Lane.' The party started home about 10:30.

There is no more commendable trait than patience, and it is that trait which distinguishes the people of Tropico. They have learned to bear with each other in the fine faith that the goods predominates in the soul of every neighbor. Thus it is as it should be.

The numerous friends of Contractor Peter L. Ferry are "giving him a pain." Their "kicking proclivities" are inclining them to hunt opportunities for the exercise of that delectable pursuit, he fears, until it is becoming a second nature to them and will cause them to "kick" at the golden streets of the New Jerusalem, when they get there, if they ever do.

Much has been said and more thought of a business center over on Brand boulevard. But Robinson Bros., at corner of Brand and Park have reduced to practice the talking and thinking and started the thing a booming in very clever style. See their announcement in one of our display columns.

Mrs. George Howe is circulating the petition to the board of trustees for the signature of taxpayers, asking an election on the question of issuing city bonds for an electric lighting system. Mr. M. M. Echelman, who was originally employed for the service, found himself physically unequal to it, and Mrs. Howe was employed in his place. The energetic little lady is getting along fine.

The taxpayers petition for a bond issue, for a city-owned electric lighting system, is not meeting with the favor expected for it. The probabilities are that the project will have to be abandoned, and the privilege of furnishing the city and its inhabitants with electricity for light and power turned to a private person or corporation.

J. R. Ashton has installed a five horsepower electric motor, made necessary by the constantly increasing demand for his make of bread. Ashton is getting there sure. The SENTINEL had the honor of first announcing the advent of his new make of bread and is pleased to know that it was followed by marked success.

Harry Goldsmith, the genial and popular solicitor and salesman of the Tropico Mercantile Co., is back from his vacation and at his post again. Ever read the Vicar of Wakefield? Well, Harry's ancestor, and Oliver, who gave to the world that celebrated character, were quite chummy in a former age, which accounts to some extent, perhaps, for Harry's talent for story telling.

No. of Bank 491. Incorporated April 16, 1910

REPORT OF CONDITION of the

Bank of Tropico

AT TROPICO, CAL.
at the close of business on the 14th day of June, 1912.

Resources

Loans	$ 74,989.80
Overdrafts	262.60
Bonds and other Securities	16,199.83
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	12,747.85
Due from other than Reserve Banks	564.91
Due from Reserve Banks	12,149.99
Cash on Hand	8,303.63
Checks and other Cash Items	258.63
Other Assets Los Angeles Co. Road Warrants	1,053.66
TOTAL	$126,530.90

Liabilities

Capital	$ 25,000.00
Surplus	2,000.00
Contingent and Suspense Accounts; Undivided Profits less expenses and taxes paid	2,134.85
Individual Deposits subject to check	70,577.27
Time Certificates of Deposit	15,294.95
Cashier's Checks	23.83
State, County, and Municipal Deposits	11,500.00
TOTAL	$126,530.90

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
County of Los Angeles)ss.

Dan Campbell, President, John A. Logan, Cashier, of the above-named bank, being duly sworn, each for himself, says that the foregoing statement is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

DAN CAMPBELL, President.
JOHN A. LOGAN, Cashier.

Severally subscribed and sworn to before me by both deponents, the 22nd day of June, 1912.

N. C. BURCH, Notary Public.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that Black and Stephenson, of Tropico, Cal., have this day separated in the Real Estate business.

And all of the accounts that have not been paid in full for commission on sales made by them are to be paid to W. G. Black, Cor. Park Ave. and Brand Boulevard, Tropico, Cal.

Dated June 3d, 1912.

W. G. BLACK.
ANDY STEPHENSON.

June 11-4t

4th of July Fire Works

Where!—Corner of Laurel and Central.
When!—Beginning Saturday, June 22.
Who!—The Baraca Boys.
What Kind?—Every kind.
What Price?—5c the bunch.

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Guaranteed 10 Years
RIMLESS SPECTACLES, $2.00

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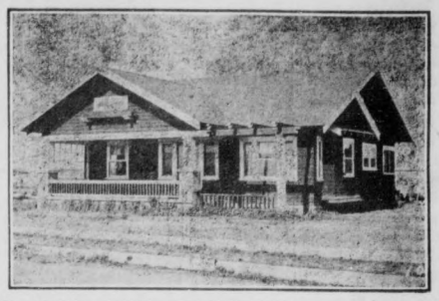

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Tropico, Cal.

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Fresh and Salt Meats

Morning Delivery, 8:30; 10:30. Afternoon, 2:00; 4:30
GOOD MEATS AND PROMPT SERVICE
PRICES LOW AS ANY IN THE VALLEY
Sunset 291 TROPICO, CAL. Home 523

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G. C. Baker, Proprietor

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House Ferns
Hanging Baskets

Sunset Nurseries
Incorporated
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Deciduous and Citrus Trees, Shrubbery and Ornamental Stock. Prices Right. Prompt Delivery. Phone Glendale 374-R. Cor. San Fernando road and Brand blvd.

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403 BRAND BOULEVARD GLENDALE

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We Move Into the Parker & Sternberg Building When Completed

The Largest Store in Glendale

Special Announcement

A New Store Will Open Its Doors in Glendale

SATURDAY, JULY 6

With a New, Complete and Up-to-Date Stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS AND LADIES' FURNISHINGS

A well selected stock of Silks, Woolens and Dainty Wash Fabrics will be found in the Dress Goods Department.

Ribbons, Hosiery, Underwear, Corsets, Shirtwaists, Housefurnishings will be offered at prices as attractive as the goods themselves.

Embroidery Opening Special—(One day only)—20c per yard. This choice lot includes flouncings to 27-inch width. Also bandings and corset-cover embroidery. No limit; no reserve.

You are cordially invited to visit this store, where will be found a choice assortment, high quality and low prices.

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SAVE MONEY

By Trading at the New O. K. Market in Tropico
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QUICK DELIVERY

FRESH AND SALT MEATS, FISH, POULTRY, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE

A Few of Our Prices

——Fresh Fish, 10c; Dressed Hens, 20c; Nice Fresh Meats, all kinds cheap; Boiled Ham, 35c; Corned Beef (our own make), 25c; Bacon, 18c up; Hams, 15c up. Try our Fruits and Vegetables—Nice Potatoes, 15 lbs., 25c; 12 Large Bananas, 25c.

Thank You in Advance

A. M. PHILLIPS, Prop. S. G. BIDDLE, Mgr.

Infants and Children's Shoe Special

WE HAVE JUST PURCHASED THE ENTIRE STOCK OF W. B. FORSYTHE'S INFANT'S AND CHILDREN'S SHOES

To be sold at a 25% discount. This lot includes Baby's Soft Shoes, Children's Fancy Top Shoes and Plain Leathers

The Juvenile Shop
1107 N. Broadway

Phone 762 Open 8:30 A. M. until 8:30 P. M.

Telephone 666-J M. GOLDHABER, Prop.

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SUITS CLEANED AND PRESSED, $1.00

530 S. LOUISE STREET GLENDALE, CAL.

OUTLINES OF THE CHARTER

Drafted For Municipal Experts and Others Who May Have Advice to Offer For Finance Framing .

Roughly drafted, but containing the features that have been tentatively agreed to by the former city charter revision commission and the board of freeholders, 100 copies of the proposed charter have been printed. These printed copies will be distributed among city officials, municipal experts who will attend the convention of the National Municipal league and others directly interested in the framing of the city's new charter.

In its foreword the board of freeholders explains that its object is to present a charter as simple and direct in its terms as possible and to leave details of government to an administrative code of ordinances.

Articles one and two deal with the powers of the city, with restrictions as to the lease or sale of water, power, harbor utilities and similar matters and are practically the same as the present charter. A few minor changes have been made and some of the verbiage that characterizes the present charter has been eliminated.

Article three introduces the most radical changes of the charter. It names the officers of the municipality who are mayor, commissioner of public works, commissioner of public utilities, commissioner of harbors and transportation, commissioner of finance, commissioner of public welfare, commissioner of libraries and parks, controller, five members of the civil service board, members of the board of education, the number being left blank, city attorney, city prosecutor, city clerk and police judges. The commissioners are given power to create by ordinance boards other than those specified in the charter.

The elective officers are the mayor, the other six commissioners and the controller. The others will be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the commission. The board of education will probably be elective but the method has not been definitely determined. All elective officers will hold office for four years. The terms of the present elective officers will expire, under the new charter on the first Monday in January, 1914.

Article four defines the duties of the officers. The commission constitutes the governing body of the city and takes the place of the present city council. The commission is required to hold daily meetings. The mayor sits with the commission and votes on all legislative measures, but has no power of veto. Each commissioner is to receive a salary of $6000 a year.

Whenever it is determined that any of the duties exercised by an officer of the city may be performed by an officer of the county the voters of the city are given power to provide that the county officer may assume the city officer's work. This is looking forward to city and county consolidation, or at least hitching up the city and county assessors and tax collectors.

Article five goes more thoroughly into city and county consolidation, annexations and establishment of bureaus. This article is similar to the present provisions of the charter bearing on the same subjects.

Article six is headed "miscellaneous" and provides chiefly for the administrative code. After the code is adopted by the commission it cannot be repealed or amended except by a vote of the people.

Article seven relates to the public schools, but is indefinite as the board of freeholders has not yet acted on the school question. The school committee of the board has submitted a report recommending a board of education of nine members to be elected by the people and to serve without compensation.

The tentative charter was whipped into shape so it could be submitted to the experts of the National Municipal League, who will assist in its further preparation. The board of freeholders is going right ahead with its charter work, taking up other matters that it has not finished and that are not included in the printed form.

TRACK RELOCATION

State Railroad Commissioners Hope To Assist in Clearing Way For Harbor Boulevard.

President Eshelman and Commissioner Edgerton, of the State Railroad Commission, have been assigned to hear the application of the city for a relocation of the Southern Pacific and Pacific Electric railroad tracks along the water front at San Pedro, in order to clear the way for the Harbor Boulevard. This application was made by Leslie R. Hewitt, for the Board of Harbor Commissioners two weeks ago. The Commission has set the hearing for July 8, in the rooms of the Supreme Court in the Ballard block.

The purpose is not to eliminate the tracks but to so change their location that they will be parallel with the harbor boulevard, on either side, with only one cross track, instead of meandering through it as now. The hearing will be largely on the legal authority of the Commission to take such action, as the Commission's engineer has agreed that the physical changes are proper.

WITHDRAWS NOMINATION

Mayor Rescinds His Action in Recommending Electrical Engineer

In a characteristically terse message, without comment or explanation, Mayor Alexander yesterday withdrew from the council his nomination of I. E. Storey as chief electrical engineer of the department of fire alarm and police telegraph. He did not submit any other nomination for the place.

While the mayor made no explanation of his action the reason was that he knew the council would not confirm Storey. At an informal caucus last week the council had plainly shown that there would not be more than three votes for Storey's confirmation.

GLENDORA COMPANY

Makes Application for the Surplus Water of Aqueduct.

The first "black and white" application for the surplus water of the aqueduct was received yesterday when President Henderson and S. C. Graham, of the Public Service Commission, tendered a document signed by C. C. Warren, president of the Glendora Irrigation company, asking for 500 inches constant flow at the rate of not more than 2½ cents per inch hour.

This is the result of the negotiations with the mutual water companies of the Glendora-San Dimas region. The Glendora Mutual company is preparing to ask 300 inches and others less quantities, so that Henderson and Graham look for a consumption of about 2000 inches in that region alone. Many of the companies would pay 4 or 5 cents per inch hour for shorter periods than a year. They say they do not care to pay the year round for water they may use only a few months.

Henderson and Graham in returning from Glendora visited the Sierra Madre foothill region, Altadena, La Canada and Verdugo and say they found areas that could use possibly 10,000 inches of water if the high line necessary for the Glendora district is built.

None of the Glendora-San Dimas companies is expected to offer any contribution to the cost of the service conduit.

WILL GET FUNDS FOR RATE INVESTIGATORS

Budget Committee of City Council Decides to Allow $15,000 at First to Men Who Are to Delve in Affairs.

Believing that the board of public utilities can accomplish much in the investigation of the books of the railroad companies with less money than the board asked for, the budget committee has determined to allow $15,000 in the budget for that purpose instead of the $25,000 asked for.

"As the people voted for the rate regulation ordinance we will have to give the board of public utilities enough money to carry out the plan proposed in the ordinance, but $25,000 is a whole lot of money in the present state of the city's finances," said Councilman Whiffen, chairman of the budget committee. "We will allow $15,000 and then if the board needs the extra $10,000 to complete the work we can take it out of the general expense fund later in the year."

ADVOCATES FIRE PROOF HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

Hospital buildings of frame construction should not exceed one story in height, according to J. J. Backus, chief building inspector, who discussed the question before the legislation committee. He told the committee that he would recommend to the special commission appointed to revise the building ordinance, that a section be included in the new measure providing that all hospitals of more than one story must be fire proof.

Backus admitted this provision would hit the California and other of the larger institutions of this character. He believed they should be given sufficient time to make arrangements for making the changes necessary.

The question arose in a controversy over the alterations necessary to the two and a half story residence at 406 Court street, which Mrs. A. D. Grove wishes to use as a hospital. The committee made a special trip to inspect the premises and a compromise was effected between the demands of the building inspector and Mrs. Grove.

SCHOOL WILL EXHIBIT AT MUNICIPAL SHOW

Vocational talks to the girls of the Los Angeles high school have been given at intervals during the term under the direction of Mrs. Susan Dorsey, vice-principal of the school. The last of these talks occurred last week. The first speaker was Mrs. Sergel, social manager of the Pacific Telephone Co., who spoke on telephone operating as a vocation for girls. The next speaker was Miss Jamais, head nurse at the New Columbia hospital and training school. Her subject was "Nursing as a vocation for women."

Motion Pictures Made

Los Angeles high school will be represented at the Municipal Convention, to be held here next month, in the form of motion pictures. These pictures were taken last Wednesday by the Sunset Moving Picture Co., and show various departments of the school. A chemistry class, under Miss M. E. Jones, was photographed performing an experiment with zinc sulphate and doing other interesting work. The students were caught responding to a fire-alarm, and in another case giving the school yells. The planting of a California Redwood tree by the graduating class was also recorded.

An exhibit which attracted considerable attention, the last week of school, was a case of pottery in the front hall. Vases were shown done in the raw clay; then after they had been fired the first time; then with the glaze applied; and finally after the second firing. All the work of modeling the vases was done by the art students and the firing by Rodger J. Sterritt, the drawing instructor, in the school's own kiln. Handsome exhibits were shown by Frank Cantello and Lawrence Renslaer, members of the clay modeling class.

Inspect Harbor Routes

Members of the council, harbor commission, board of public works and other city officials left the city hall today for the harbor for the purpose of inspecting the Beacon street and Pacific avenue routes, suggested as temporary approaches to the outer harbor until the original harbor boulevard route can be freed from litigation.

PROGRESS ON AQUEDUCT

With the Ending of the City's Fiscal Year Sunday, the Aqueduct Will Be More Than 90 Per Cent Completed.

With the ending of the city's fiscal year next Sunday the Los Angeles aqueduct will have been more than 90 per cent. completed, and on the following day work on the connection between the head of the San Fernando valley, where the aqueduct ends, and the city water mains will be begun.

All the stakes have been driven for the latter work and it remains for Superintendent Mulholland to return from Seattle, which is expected Sunday, to give the word. The first work will be the starting of the south heading of the Franklin Canyon tunnel.

In a summary of aqueduct conditions Mulholland shows that all but 19.2 miles of a total of 213.7 of excavation has been finished and that all but 34.5 miles of lining has been completed. The lining is but fifteen miles behind the other conduit work. This does not include the power tunnels at the San Francisquito, aggregating 9.5 miles, now 62 per cent. done, nor the Haiwee by-pass, 1.95 miles, completed, which connects the South Haiwee dam with the Rose Valley conduit.

Of the four big dams above the San Fernando, these comparisons of cubic yardage illustrate the approaching completion: Haiwee north dam, 212,000 yards, of which 15,000 yards is yet to be placed; Haiwee south dam, 557,439 yards, of which 60,439 is yet to be placed; Fairmount dam, 216,525, of which 206,525 is yet to be placed; Dry Canyon dam for regulating reservoir, 141,000 yards, which is completed. The San Fernando dams are being built by the Public Service Commission.

The uncompleted distances on the aqueduct, aggregating the 19.2 miles are: Tunnels, .3 miles; covered conduit, 6.7 miles; open conduits, 9.4 miles; steel siphons, 2.8 miles.

All the concrete siphons and flumes and all the unlined canal has been completed.

The big work yet to be done is the line connecting the south end of the aqueduct at the head of the San Fernando Valley with the city water mains. This line, as shown on the relief map, will pass through the center of the valley to the Santa Monica mountains where it will enter a tunnel 3770 feet long and pass into the upper and lower reservoirs of Franklin Canyon. From this point it will be carried eastward along the foothills to the Hollywood city limits at Sunset boulevard where it will pass into the local distributing system.

This San Fernando conduit will be constructed with reference to its uses. If it is only to supply the present city system it will be of minimum diameter, but if it is to supply as well the Cahuenga and Redondo regions for irrigation it will approach maximum about 6 feet.

The steel conduit will be 13½ miles long and will cross only the Big Tujunga wash and this crossing is at an advantageous point. The route chosen avoids the lower wash.

In his letter transmitting these figures to the mayor at the end of the fiscal year Mulholland says: "Absolutely not a doubt exists now in the minds of those having charge of the construction of the aqueduct as to its ultimate completion in time for the irrigation season of 1913, originally promised."

HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Took a Narrow View of Harbor Development.

In a communication to the mayor T. E. Gibbon, former president of the harbor commission, sets forth the reasons why he refused to attend meetings of the harbor advisory board. His failure to do so is one of the items in the report the board of public works made to the mayor.

Gibbon says that the harbor advisory committee took a narrow and restricted view of harbor development and indicated a purpose to confine all harbor development to the $3,000,000 that had been voted for that purpose, whereas he insisted that a broad and comprehensive plan be made to go as far as it would in this extensive plan.

He says W. M. Humphreys said he would rather wait until business came to the harbor before making such extensive improvements, and that as Humphreys seemed to express the sentiments of the other members of the board of public works he felt it was useless to attend further meetings. He says:

"I did not propose, even by my presence at their meetings to make myself responsible for plans so utterly inadequate to meeting, what I was convinced would be the requirements of the harbor."

He says that at one of the meetings of the board he did move the approval of wharf plans involving the use of creosoted piling, but did so on the showing of Homer Hamlin, chief harbor engineer, but that after he had made an investigation he became convinced that concrete and not wooden piling was the proper material.

CITY HALL GUIDE

Position for Watchman and Handy Man.

Tom Collins, the guide who directed visitors at the city hall to their proper departments for many years before his death about two years ago, may have a successor. The board of public works asked the council some time ago to allow an extra watchman to look after the building Saturday afternoons and Sundays. The board now is planning to combine the position of watchman with that of guide, if a suitable man can be found to take the place.

Recently, the board investigated directories, with a view to placing one in the entrance to take the place of the antiquated sign board now there, but ran up against a patented article for which the board considered an excessive price was demanded.

The board believes, however, that a directory is not so much needed as a person to answer questions and direct those having business with the city government to the proper departments and help them find what they want without loss of time.

FRANCHISE DISAGREEMENT

On Intermediate Clause for Freight Carriers.

Doubt exists as to the right of the Pacific Electric to operate over several sections of its lines east of Main street, according to Councilman Reed, who introduced a resolution in the council instructing the city attorney to investigate the status of the lines in question. The resolution was adopted.

The lines mentioned included Los Angeles street from First to Aliso streets, the Covina line from Aliso street to the city limits, the Pasadena short line from Aliso street to the city limits, except across Alhambra avenue, and the third rail of the company on Central avenue from Ceres to Towne avenues.

The legislation committee split over the terms of the freight-carrying ordinance, Reed insisting that the indeterminate feature be included in all the franchises. The board of public utilities recommended this feature in all except the freight-carrying permit in the industrial district.

Councilman Andrews argued that the indeterminate feature would not protect the industries which proposed to locate there, while Reed contended that the promoters of those industries could trust the people equally as well as they could the corporations.

Lusk sided with Andrews when it came to a vote and a majority and minority report was expected yesterday, but neither materialized.

JAPS CAN CATCH FISH CAN'T CAN THEIR CATCH

San Pedran Wants City Council to Adopt a Bag Limit on Amount Fishermen May Take Each Day.

Fearing that the indiscriminate manner in which Japanese fishermen catch food fish to turn into fertilizer may have the effect of depopulating the finny denizens of the deep, A. B. Cook, 1526 Signal street, San Pedro, has asked the council to adopt a regulating ordinance. He suggests that the ordinance limit the catch to 1000 pounds of fish for each boatload per day and that no food fish be converted into fertilizer.

Cook says that Japanese fishermen catch several tons of albacore and other food fish every day and cook them into fertilizer, although the fish is much more valuable for canning. Two canneries are now operated at San Pedro and he says two more will start soon and he wants some fish left in the ocean to can.

DISCUSS ANNEXATION OF SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Annexation to Los Angeles under the borough system is being discussed by residents in the San Fernando valley and a delegation of citizens from that section were busy last week sounding the individual councilmen and other city officials on the subject.

Included among those who called at the city hall last week to discuss the question with the city officials were, J. G. Hettinger, T. J. Walker, Dr. H. C. Allen and H. C. Caldwell.

It is planned to include all the lands in the San Fernando valley which would be benefited by the water it is proposed to distribute for irrigation.

A communication is being prepared to bring the question officially before the council.

Award Feed Contract

The board of public works has awarded to the Globe Grain & Milling company the contract for furnishing 1235 tons of rolled barley, to be used for the stock on the aqueduct. The price was $31 a ton f. o. b. Fresno.

WANTS FIRE FIGHTERS FOR HARBOR PATROL

Desiring to accept the offer of the Crescent Wharf & Warehouse company to furnish a fire boat for the harbor, the fire commission will recommend to the council that $150 a month be provided in the fire department budget to pay the rental asked. The Crescent company offered to equip a tug boat that it has just built with modern water front fire fighting apparatus and give the city the use of it for fighting fires on payment of $250 a month. Chief Eley secured a reduction of the rental to $150 a month and is anxious to secure the boat at that figure. The city has two fire tug boats, the Warrior and Falcon, but the Crescent company's boat is lighter draft and can get to portions of the water front inaccessible to the larger boats.

The fire commission wants five more hydrants installed and has asked the public service commission to place them at Washington and Estrella, Main and Twenty-first, Main and Seventeenth, Main and Fifteenth, Pico and Toberman.

Grateful for the excellent work done by the fire department during a fire that broke out in its sawdust bins June 17, the E. K. Wood Lumber company sent the fire commission a check for $50. The money was placed in the firemen's relief fund.

Lieut. A. C. Stammer, who commands Hose Co. No. 3 and Fireman J. T. Walker are off duty because of injuries received in the discharge of their duties. Stammer hurt his knee at a fire at the Alta Planing Mill and Walker injured his back in the engine house.

Twelve fire alarm boxes have been at San Pedro since May 6 and Chief Eley reported to the fire commission that he could not make the fire alarm bureau install them. The commission instructed the bureau to get busy with a big "B."

There were 48 fire alarms last week with a loss of $5845.

Helps G. A. R. Encampment

By adopting a resolution presented by Councilman McKenzie, the council instructed the budget committee to make provision for $5000 in the budget for the next fiscal year to help defray the expenses of holding the G. A. R. encampment here in September.

SYSTEM FOR THE WORKERS

Secretary of Civil Service Commission Has Plan to Make Method Something Better Than a Lottery For Unemployed.

Improved methods of handling applicants for common laborers' jobs in the city's service have been devised by W. D. Spalding, secretary of the Civil Service commission, and the new system will be started July 1.

Spalding says that the present system is nothing but a lottery and disappointed applicants for laborer's jobs look upon it with suspicion. The present plan is for applicants to register every 20 days. When a requisition is made by the stret department on the civil service department for laborers, the secretary goes back on his register 20 days and selects the first name that appears. If ten men are wanted he takes the first ten and certifies them to the street department. Under this system a man may register every 20 days for months and never get a job.

By the new system applicants will register every 30 days. The name, address, and a short history of the applicant's experience in past employment will be kept in a card index system. A little metal tab that slides over the card is attached and by the position of this tab the secretary can tell at a glance how often the applicant has registered for a position. If the applicant wants the job bad enough to register several times the secretary is reasonably sure that he will do his best to hold on to it when he gets it and thus efficiency will in a measure be promoted. The card will show the applicant's experience, whether he has been employed by the city before, who was his foreman and if his services were satisfactory. If he has been employed by the city and laid off for slack work he will be given preference over an applicant who has had no previous experience in city work. None of these matters can be determined by the present system.

Spalding has also simplified the method of employing firemen and policemen. An applicant for one of these positions now receives a notice of examination and with it a card he must take to the examining physician. From the physician he receives two certificates of examination, one for general condition and another for vaccination. By the new system one small card will take the place of the four documents now required.

WILL BUILD GRANDSTAND

Citizen Gives Money to Build Structure—Admissions Must be Free

Approval of a plan to build a big grandstand at Exposition park was given by the council yesterday upon receipt of an offer from C. A. Canfield to give an amount equal to that to be appropriated for the purpose. Canfield's offer contemplates a structure to cost about $40,000.

The council instructed the budget committee to make an allowance of $10,000 and the county authorities are expected to authorize a like sum. Councilmen Whiffen and Langdon were made a special committee to arrange the details of the plan.

One of the stipulations in Canfield's offer was that no charge ever should be made to enter the grandstand.

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Cash and Sight Exchange	5,778,204.11	Deposits	18,188,340.19
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EAST SAN PEDRO WANTS WATER

U. S. Government Asks Favor of Los Angeles—Attention Called to the Practice of Throwing Heavy Material in Channel.

After granting the city permission to do a number of things in the harbor, the United States Government wants a little reciprocity and has asked permission of the harbor commission to pump dredgings from the turning basin on to city land. The proposal from the government was not at all definite and E. D. Vincent, assistant chief engineer of the harbor, was instructed by the harbor commission to find out how much, where and when the dredgings are to be made.

Instructions to Chief Harbor Engineer Homer Hamlin to prepare plans and specifications for the fisherman's wharf, after plans approved by E. F. Goodrich, consulting harbor engineer, were rescinded by the harbor commission. The commission took this action through lack of jurisdiction and not because it has changed its mind on the matter. It lost jurisdiction to initiate matters of this kind when the board of public works rescinded its resolution empowering the harbor commission to take such action.

Notes of Commission

Secretary Clarence H. Matson was instructed by the commission to confer with the public service commission and find out what has been done towards providing East San Pedro with an adequate fresh water supply. Commercial interests at East San Pedro are insisting on fresh water through pipes. It must now be transported in boats.

Leslie R. Hewitt, special counsel for the harbor department, told the commission that in dredging the harbor old scrap iron and other heavy material had been encountered that had been deposited without authority. He was instructed to prepare an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to throw such material into the harbor and to make the ordinance broad enough to give the harbor commission control over the mooring of all craft in the harbor.

The commission feels that a patrol boat at the harbor is an absolute necessity in carrying out harbor police regulations and Secretary Matson was instructed to send a forceful communication to the council on this subject. The police estimate for the next fiscal year included $12,500 for a motor boat for police patrol at the harbor, but this was cut by the budget committee.

CHARTER FRAMERS

Object To Being Cut Down Four Hundred on Their Allowance.

With only $3.40 left of its total appropriation of $1000 the board of freeholders has entered a protest against the action of the finance committee in allowing only $200 instead of the $600 asked for to complete the work of the board. The $1000 allowed for the charter revision work was granted in two appropriations to the charter revision commission which preceded the board of freeholders, although the personnel of the two bodies are practically the same.

The board of freeholders asked $600 to finish its work and submitted an itemized statement of the expenses to be incurred until the end of July when it expects its work will be completed. The protest of the board was referred to the finance committee.

BUILDING ORDINANCE COMMISSION

Elects Officers and Begins Active Work.

Organization of the building ordinance commission was reported to the council. The commission announced that it had elected A. F. Rosenheim, president; Julius F. Hall, vice-president and Albert C. Martin, secretary and treasurer. The commission asked that it be provided with office room and the building committee was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

The building ordinance commission is a board of architects, engineers and builders, who have been asked to revise the building ordinance. It has been found necessary to revise this ordinance every little while to keep pace with the rapid growth of the city in building.

One amendment to the ordinance was adopted by the council yesterday. This amendment requires an improved asbestos curtain in new theaters. The improvement demanded will make these curtains easier to operate. By merely touching a rope the curtain will drop, shutting off the audience from the stage. The amendment does not apply to theaters already in existence but to new ones in course of construction.

The regular meeting time of the commission was fixed for Wednesday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, with an occasional meeting Friday. The third Wednesday of each month will be open to discussion by the public. At these meetings, persons with patented articles or devices will be allowed to present their views.

WOULD PROTECT CITY

R. B. Stephens & Co., have submitted a proposition to the city to protect the city against personal damage suits that may be brought by employes injured in the municipal service. The matter has been referred to the legislation committee for consideration.

AQUEDUCT MATERIAL

Complete Investigation of Owens River Affairs To Be Made.

The financial investigation of City Auditor Myers of the aqueduct accounts is to be expanded July 15, when more than twenty deputies will go into the field and make an inventory of all material and equipment. This great task would have been begun next Monday, but the aqueduct advisory board explained to Myers yesterday that the first fifteen days are required by their field accountants in settling monthly payroll and expense accounts and that practically no help could be given the auditor's forces by them during that time. Myers then postponed his inventory until July 15.

Assistant Engineer Lippincott and Gen. Chaffee opposed an inventory early in the month because they said the deputies must be shown the physical property by those knowing it and this would be impossible unless aqueduct work was wholly suspended. When the later date was arranged they suggested, and the advisory board approved, that men in each division be assigned to give aid to the auditor's force. They were unable, however, to accommodate the auditor with automobiles, or even one, for the work. Lippincott said there have been so many investigations that he fears another will demoralize the work, though he modified that opinion after Myers explained his purposes. Lippincott also says the stores and accounting forces are already overworked.

Making an inventory of every element of aqueduct property is regarded necessary, Auditor Myers said, to complete the investigation of the accounts. Heretofore the aqueduct has made inventories January 1 and July 1 of each year. The last one was made last January.

ENFORCE RIGID RULE TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS

To prevent a recurrance of the accident in the aqueduct power tunnel at Clearwater, in which three men were killed two weeks ago, the aqueduct officials will rigidly enforce a rule that powder is not to be taken to the loading bench in any future work. It is the habit of men working with mine explosives to grow careless of these precautions and this carelessness is probably the cause of the fatal accident.

"This is the first of the kind we have had," Chief Engineer Mulholland told the advisory board, "though they frequently happen in mining work. No one lives who can explain the cause of the explosion but it was probably due to an accidental discharge of a percussion cap which set off forty pounds of dynamite. This powder should not have been near the loading bench."

The explosion, besides killing three men and injuring several others, blew a great hole in the power tunnel but Mulholland says it is solid rock and will not cause much difficulty. Fifty ore cars of muck were taken out because of the explosion.

New Civil Service League Is Organized For State Movement

Although its organization is not yet perfected the newly fledged California Civil Service Reform League began active work a few minutes after it was formed last Thursday night. It forwarded a telegram to United States Senator Perkins protesting against a bill adopted by the house and at that time pending before the senate, to require government civil service employes to resign after five years' service. Promptly Senator Perkins returned answer that the bill had been emphatically defeated in the senate.

The temporary organization of the association was formed in the offices of the civil service commission. Dr. Francis B. Kellogg, former member of the civil service commission, was elected temporary chairman and F. M. Dee, chief examiner for the civil service department, was elected secretary. Dee is the originator of the association, which he plans to make statewide in its scope, with the object of bringing state and county employes under the provisions of the merit system.

A constitution and by-laws for the organization were presented and referred to a special committee composed of Myron Westover, Gen. E. C. Bellows, E. A. Walcott, Dr. F. B. Kellogg and W. A. Engle.

A second committee is to handle publicity and promotion of the association. This committee is composed of W. D. Spalding, H. O. Wheeler, Jr., Dr. T. Percival Gerson, Charles E. Richards and Mrs. H. C. Stockwell, William F. Huff of Long Beach and Claude E. Sheckels.

A nominating committee was appointed composed of the following: L. W. Myers, Warren F. Day, Mrs. H. C. Stockwell and Myron Westover.

A meeting will be held Thursday night when the permanent organization will be made.

CHANGE STREET NAMES

The name of Ames street was changed to Ambrose avenue and Magenta street to Cherokee avenue by the council yesterday on petition of property owners. Permission to retain the name of Heliotrope drive instead of changing it to Catalina street was refused.

PLANS FOR AN INNER HARBOR

Development of Thirty-seven Acres at the Inner Harbor Practically Decided Upon By the Harbor Advisory Board.

Development of the 37 acres at the inner harbor to which the city has undisputed title, was practically decided on by the harbor advisory board. Four hundred feet of the wharf at the foot of Canal street may also be included if the remaining bond money will stretch far enough.

No definite decision on the matter will be reached until after the harbor advisory board has held a consultation with the harbor commission. The consultation will be on the Goodrich plans, or rather plans prepared by Homer Hamlin, that have met the approval of Goodrich. It was the Hamlin plans rather than the Goodrich plans that the advisory board considered at its last meeting. Hamlin had prepared plans according to Goodrich's instructions and then drawn some of his own. He telegraphed an explanation of his plans to Goodrich and Goodrich telegraphed back his approval. The main difference between the Goodrich plans and the Hamlin plans is that Hamlin's plans conform to the present harbor lines, while Goodrich provides for longer slips by dredging back into city land.

Says Plans Expensive

The Hamlin plans provide for eight slips 300 feet wide and 1800 feet long and one slip 400 feet wide. The wide one is at the foot of Canal street. The 37 acres will accommodate about 2600 feet of wharf. Gen. Chaffee announced that to carry out the entire plans to their completion would require millions of dollars and take 25 years.

Hamlin reported to the advisory board that the Standard Construction and Development company was not prosecuting the work of improving J street as it should and advised that the contract be cancelled and bids again asked for. The board will recommend that the board of public works take the necessary action to comply with the engineer's suggestion.

To Wilmington representatives who attended the meeting of the board Engineer Hamlin said that the council had ordered abandoned the plans for constructing a sewer on Seventh street, except the portion between G and Broadway.

F. S. Cary, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce told the board that Wilmington property owners wanted Fries street paved to its full width instead of only a 20 foot strip in the center and were willing to pay their share of the expense. He was told to submit a petition to the council for the full width improvement.

HOLLYWOOD WINS FIGHT

Daily Filing of Suits Against Railroad Brings Results.

West Hollywood residents now have a five cent fare. The Pacific Electric reduced the fare to Gardner Junction Thursday, after a conference between Paul Shoup, vice-president of the Pacific Electric and President Wright of the Hollywood board of trade.

After personal damage suits in court had gone against the Pacific Electric the railroad granted a five cent fare to Highland avenue, but this was not far enough. More of the personal damage suits were filed and to avoid further litigation the fare was reduced as far as Gardner Junction.

MANUAL ARTS SHOWS COMMERCIAL ABILITY

Manual Arts high school student body had a total revenue of $20,500 for the past year. This money was handled entirely by the students of the commercial department from keeping the accounts to taking it to the bank. Of this total there is a balance of $500 which is held for unexpected expenditures.

This student income is derived from the cafeteria, book exchange, the savings bank, tennis bonds, entertainments, athletics and many other activities. The entertainments brought in over $700, athletics $500, savings bank $164 and the tennis bonds brought in $283. The book exchange has turned in $1200 since January 1, with a twenty per cent. gain. This exchange deals in stationery and second hand books and pays the manager $50 a school year.

The total revenue of the cafeteria for the past year amounted to $18,800; cost of service with students doing all the waiting amounted to $3600. The surplus cost amounted to $14,500, leaving a profit of $700. This cafeteria has the best possible equipment, consisting of a $300 dish washer, a cake mixer, vegetable seeker, a stove capable of baking 80 pies at a time, besides the other cooking and an ice box that will hold tons of meat.

About 160,000 persons were served in the past year; 1500 on visitors' day. three hundred can be seated at one time in the two large dining rooms.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTROVERSY

Hubbard Retains His Place as President of Board.

Net results of the controversy between the board of public works and the harbor commission over harbor improvement which has stirred the administration are: A. A. Hubbard, continues as president of the board of public works, with every prospect of holding the position indefinitely; T. E. Gibbon, president of the harbor commission, has resigned, although his resignation was not directly due to the harbor development squabble, and A. P. Fleming is no longer secretary of the harbor commission.

Mayor Alexander is reading the long report of the board of public works, showing its position in harbor development and has said he will do nothing more until he has finished it.

The question on which future developments hinged to a great extent was whether the council would uphold the mayor in his action asking Hubbard to resign.

Those who gathered in the council chamber yesterday expecting to hear a controversy were disappointed as the only action was the adoption of a resolution presented by Councilman Lusk taking the matter from the table, where it was placed at the previous meeting, and then laying it on the table again indefinitely. This was done, it was stated, in order to insert the word "indefinitely" in the motion and make it strictly according to the best parliamentary proceedure.

In presenting the resolution, Lusk stated that he had shown it to the mayor and that the latter had approved it. The councilmen then voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

"I haven't changed my mind in the least, but I am for peace," said the mayor when informed of the action. "I told the councilmen that if it would please them to lay the matter on the table, by all means to do so."

Hubbard says he has no present intention of resigning.

"When I accepted the appointment the last time, it was not at my solicitation," he said. "Now that I am here, however, I would like to stay until the aqueduct is completed. After that project is finished, I do not intend to remain a member of the board."

SAYS OPEN AIR PLAY BEATS KINDERGARTEN

Three petitions were received by the board of education recently for kindergarten schools to be established. Action was postponed last Thursday on the ground that further investigation was necessary.

M. C. Bettinger, assistant superintendent, said that he was opposed to putting kindergartens in schools where the neighborhood was suitable for the children to play in the open. It seems to be his idea that kindergartens are harmful to children of four years old rather than beneficial if they could play outdoors. Kindergartens should only be placed in schools where they do not have outdoor facilities. Director H. W. Frank objected to this because he said that if the people really wanted a kindergarten they should have it, providing they had the requisite number of children, notwithstanding the fact that they had rolling hills and good air.

School Board Notes

Supervisor of agriculture Palmer, was instructed by the board of education to call a meeting of all the janitors to educate them in taking care of the trees around the schools for the summer. From $5 to $25 a month was voted for the work of watering the trees and the board decided it should be done properly.

Bids were received for a four room brick school building to be erected in the Cypress Park District and the contract let to Gavagan-McCutcheon Co., for $20,877. Bids were also received for six new portable houses but no action was taken by the Board last Thursday.

It was decided by the board of education that in the future no pianos will be paid for, out of the school funds, that have been contracted for by outside associations. This action was taken after a request had been received from Ernest D. Snow, principal of the Selano Avenue school, that the board of education complete the purchase price on a piano bought by the Parent-Teacher Association of that school. After a discussion it was brought out that this association undertook to pay for the two-hundred dollar piano before the board refused, last year, to complete any purchase price. Seventy dollars had been paid by the Selano Association, so the board decided to make an exception of this school and finish payment. They went on record to the effect, however that in future they would buy all equipment necessary for public schools.

Mira Monte school district petitioned the board of education to be taken into the Los Angeles school district. The district has a good brick building and seven acres of land. The petition was referred to Superintendent Francis with power to take favorable action.

TAKES A WEEK OFF

Aqueduct Engineer Gives Lecture On Construction of Water Way.

For the first time since the aqueduct was begun William Mulholland, chief engineer, has taken a "few days off" to attend the annual convention of the American Society of Civil Engineers now in session at Seattle.

Yesterday Mulholland delivered an address on the Los Angeles aqueduct illustrated by scores of lantern slides, exhibiting how the work on the project, second only to the Panama canal, is being done and has been done.

The engineers are expected to manifest great interest in the use of tufa cement. The aqueduct is the only great work in the country on which it has been used and its value in such massive construction is expected to have a real test there.

TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

To assist the flood sufferers of the Mississippi valley the Olympic theater has arranged a special matinee for Thursday afternoon. The gross receipts of the performance will be given to the fund known as the Mayor's Flood Relief association, with headquarters in New York. The offer of the Olympic was sent to Mayor Alexander and he gratefully accepted it. The Chamber of Commerce will act as custodian of the money raised.

RAIL BREAKAGE

Reduced to Minimum By Introduction of Standard Rail

In the last three years and ten months no passenger has been killed through collision or derailment on the Southern Pacific, according to the accident statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission, recently made public. During this period the road carried 150,400,000 passengers an average distance of 42 miles. In the last three years and four months but one passenger was killed through derailment or collision on the Union Pacific. There were 27,900,000 passengers carried during that time.

Rail breakage has been reduced to a minimum by the introduction of the standard rail. Steel cars are replacing wooden cars over the entire Harriman system and automatic block signals will soon be in operation over every part of the lines. The inspection of the rails as they are manufactured, originally inaugurated by the Harriman Lines, has had much to do with the making of this safety record, and several other roads in this country have recently started similar inspection methods. There is one way to reduce the fatality record on American railroads and that is to pass laws that will prevent trespassing on the rights of way. Fifty-three per cent. of the people killed on our railroads annually lose their lives because of trespassing. A large majority of those killed are hoboes and others, stealing rides.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC

Has Placed Santa Monica On All Its Tariff Lists

All that could be gained by a judgment against the Southern Pacific before the interstate commerce commission has been conceded to Santa Monica and the rest of the beach on the through ticket and baggage contention, according to statements of City Attorney Taft of Santa Monica Wednesday night at the city council's session. In reply to a complaint from Waldo K. Cowan, former member of the board of education, that the railroads are still discriminating against this beach and that the matter of bringing legal action appears to be dragging, the attorney said that the railroad company had placed Santa Monica on all its tariff lists and that nothing more could be compelled by the judgment of either the state or the interstate railroad commission. The failure in instances to comply with the tariff schedule was the fault of agents, he insisted, and injury suffered thereby should be made the subject of suits by individuals and not by the city.

PASADENA BOARD OF TRADE

Lewis H. Turner was elected president of the Pasadena Board of Trade for the ensuing year at the annual election of officers of that organization held Monday night. William F. Knight was chosen as vice president and C. J. Hall as treasurer. A. J. Bertonneau, for the past several years secretary of the board, was re-elected to the same position at a meeting held several weeks ago. President Turner is one of the younger business men of the city.

TEMPERANCE WORKER'S SON DEAD

Word of the death in Philadelphia Monday of Robert S. Murphy, son of the late Francis Murphy, the famous temperance lecturer, has been received by Mrs. Frances Josephine Holmes, 1902 Cordova street, and Mrs. Wayland Trash, 1829 St. Andrews Place, sisters of the dead man.

Murphy was formerly lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. He was 48 years of age and leaves a widow.

THE LONGEST FRUIT TRAIN

The longest train of perishable fruits ever recorded started Monday night from Imperial Valley points over the Southern Pacific bound for New York and other eastern points.

There were 181 cars in all, laden with one and a half million cantaloupes. At Imperial Junction the colossal caravan, more than a mile long, was cut into sections and each was taken by big waiting engines and plunged eastward at full speed.

It is estimated that the total valuation of the fruit at Los Angeles prices is $77,206.

A WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT.

Announcement has been made of the wedding of Harold Cross of Redlandsd and Miss Lela Parr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Parr of this city, at the home of the bride's parents here next Wednesday. Miss Parr is one of the most popular of the young women in the younger set. Mr. Cross formerly lived in Redlands and was graduated from the high school but has been in Los Angeles for some time. The couple will make their home in Los Angeles.

CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY NOTES

The orange and lemon industry of Southern and Central California will be benefited by the appointment of Walter Bonus, a Plant Physiologist at the Riverside Citrus Experiment Station. His whole time will be devoted to problems of the physiology of the citrus trees. He is now horticulturist of the Maine Experiment Station.

BURBANK WATER SYSTEM

A committee was appointed Monday by the Chamber of Commerce to investigate conditions whereby Burbank might own a water system. They plan to purchase L. C. Berand's water system, which at present supplies Burbank with water.

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TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1912

COUNTY AND CITY MERGER PROPOSITION

Under the provisions of the law authorizing initiative petitions for an election, a petition has been put in circulation simultaneously in Los Angeles City and county and in other large cities and counties of the state, the text of which is, in part as follows:

Text of Petition.

"We, the undersigned, qualified electors of the state of California, hereby propose to the people of the state of California that section 7 of article XI of the constitution of the state of California relating to the formation of consolidated city and county governments, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 7. General laws may provide for the merging and consolidating of continguous territory of two or more cities, or cities and counties, or counties, or any part of any county or counties, containing in the aggregate in the proposed merged or consolidated territory a population of at least 350,000, into one consolidated city and county governmnt. No city or town shall become a part of such city and county unless a majority the qualified voters of such city or town, voting thereon at a general or special eection, shall approve such consolidation and at a subsequent general or special election shall also adopt a proposed freholders' charter for such new consolidated city and county, nor shall any city or town be divided by such consolidation, nor shall any county be included in or divided by such consolidation, unless a majority of the qualified voters of such entire county voting thereon at a general or special election shall vote in favor thereof. The charter so adopted may provide for a borough system of government, by which the different municipalities so uniting for general municipal purposes shall nevertheless retain and exercise such special municipal powers as the charter may provide. The provisions of this constitution, applicable to cities, and also those applicable to counties, so far as not inconsistent or prohibited to cities, shall be applicable to such consolidated governments. * * *

"Such new consolidated government shall also be liable for all the existing debts and liabilities of any municipal corporation merged therein, but provision shall be made for the payment of all outstanding bonds of such municipalities respectively by taxes levied only upon property assessable therefor, and situate at the time of such levy within the territory of such municipalities respectively as such territory existed at the time of such consolidation."

The TRIBUNE of Los Angeles is calling for personal pledges of support to Col. Roosevelt's candidacy for the Presidency. To us it seems that this is entirely superfluous, especially here in California where the people have already expressed their preference for the colonel with an emphasis and in terms that are of unmistakable import. California's delegation of progressive Republicans to the Chicago convention is still in office—has never disbanded nor been lawfully discharged. It has simply been adjourned to meet at the call of an executive committee to complete the trust with which it was clothed by the sovereign electors of the state. The progressive Republicans of this and every other state of the Union must have an electoral ticket composed of electors pledged to vote for a progressive candidate for the presidency, be he Robert M. LaFollette, Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson or whomsoever the national progressives in convention assembled may nominate.

Mr. Bryan is compelling the Baltimore convention to divide sharply into hostile camps, in the one of which are progressives, headed by himself, and in the other, reactionaries, headed by a Tammany chieftain named Murphy. Neither camp can muster a two-thirds majority, and so, at this writing, the convention is dead-locked and promises so to remain indefinitely.

The city of Tropico is today as much a part of the city of Los Angeles and is as intently interested in its affairs as if actually annexed and included within its territorial limits. For that reason the two pages of The INTERURBAN SENTINEL, devoted to city and county matters will be welcomed by our readers. It will enable them to keep up their acquaintance with the progress of its affairs that so vitally concern them.

The completion of plans for a progressive party organization are impatiently awaited. Results at Chicago were extremely discouraging, but by no means utterly disastrous. On the contrary they were of a character to arouse the spirit of every true friend of popular government and spur him on to renewed activity in its cause. Certainly the progressive element of the Republican and Democratic parties of this great nation is not of the stuff of which cowards who will truckle to high-handed wrong are made, or, in the vocabulary of the day, will lay down to the powers of plutocracy.

The cities and towns of the San Gabriel Valley are planning for an outfall sewer system from the foothills to the sea at a cost of $3,000,000. The Outfall Trunk Sewer Commission is the name of the organization that has the project in charge. The length of the line proposed is over 100 miles, from Pomona on the east to South Pasadena and thence southerly through Alhambra and Whittier Pass to the sea. The cities and towns of the San Fernando Valley will be "up against" a similar proposition in a very short time at the rate things are moving there.

Rose Hill residents are assured of a 5-cent fare by the Pacific Electric people. Who comes next we donder? Those lads that come and go from Richardson's, on the city limits? Perhaps, if it means anything to be a citizen of Los Angeles.

Poor Frank Heney! So used to the rumble of the "steam roller" did he become at Chicago that he couldn't sleep without it; and so he went over to Baltimore. But that is a very tame affair, that machine at Baltimore, to the "real thing" at Chicago, very much to everybody's disgust, apparently.

Meyer Lissner has returned from the Chicago convention and states, in regard to the movement for an independent progressive organization initiated in that city on the 22nd, that a convention of new party delegates will be held in August, when the new party will be definitely launched. The convention in all probability will be held in Chicago, although the plans of course have not yet been fully completed. Whether Colonel Roosevelt or some other progressive will become the presidential candidate will then be determined.

MRS. CROCKER PASSED THE CUP UNLAWFULLY, SAYS A GLENDALE JURY

Never before in the history of Glendale has its police department been so violently disturbed as during last week. The occasion was a cause celebre in the court of City Recorder Whomes.

It appears from the facts in the case that somewhere in the remote recesses of Verdugo Canyon, on the outskirts of the newly-annexed territory of the city, at the private residence of Mrs. Crocker in that delightful and secluded suburb, on the 16th of June, ultimo, the lady of the house, in the course of the evening's entertainment of a party of friends, did dispense intoxicants to the guests in the enjoyment of her gracious hospitalities—in violation of the law and ordinances of the city in such case made and provided.

It does not appear that any more harmful effects were produced by the indulgences than rag time music, dancing and general gaiety. But, in the eager search by the sleuths of the law for a suspected "blind pig," these doings at Mrs. Crocker's were discovered and the case brought into court.

The issue simmered down to simply this: Does the city ordinance apply to cases of this kind and prohibit the use of liquors in dispensing the hospitalities of a private household?

The case was tried by the Court and twelve men, with City Attorney Evans for the prosecution and Mr. Sturgeon of Los Angeles for the defense.

Much time was consumed in getting a jury. There was little or no other testimony than appears in the foregoing statement. For some time the jury stood seven to five for acquital, when the judge was invited into the jury room to instruct the jury as to the law.

Soon after the jury returned with a verdict of "guilty."

This case will be appealed.

The attorneys pro and con conducted the case with great gallantry and Judge Whomes presided with commendable forbearance.

A SURPRISE

Friday evening, June 21, 1912, was the date of a very pleasant surprise given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Biddle, 121 E. Cypress street, Tropico, the occasion being the birthday of Mrs. Biddle.

The merry party were Mr. and Mrs. Pettit, Mr. and Mrs. West, Misses Ethel Baker, Blanche Shea, Lily Phillips, Myrtle Harrison and Messrs E. Phillips, Baker and Robert Pettit.

The evening was spent in music, readings and games until a late hour, after refreshments were served.

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His lips but closed the tighter. "Have you told her—have you told this to my girl?" he asked.

"Draw up your file!" I cried, springing to my feet. "Execute me! I deserve it. No, I have not told her. I planned to do so—I should never have allowed her to sign her name there before I had told her everything—been fair to her as I could. But her accident left her weak—I could not tell her—a thousand things delayed it. Yes it was my fault."

He looked me over with contempt. "You are not fit to touch the shoe on my girl's foot," he said slowly. "But now, since this thing has begun, since you have thus involved her and compromised her, and as I imagine in some foul way have engaged her affections—now, I say, it must go on. When we get back to Laramie, sir, you shall marry that girl. And then out you go, and never see her face again."

"Colonel Meriwether," said I to him finally, "if it would do her any good I would give up my life for her. But her father can neither tell me how nor when my marriage ceremony runs, nor can he tell me when to leave the side of the woman who is my wife. I am subject to the orders of no man in the world."

"You refuse to do what you have planned to do? Sir, that shows you as you are. You proposed to—to live with her here, but not be bound to her elsewhere!"

"It is not true!" I said to him in somber anger. "I proposed to put before her the fact of my own weakness, of my own self deception, which also was deception of her. I propose to do that now."

"If you did she would refuse to look at you again."

"I know it, but it must be done. I must take my chances."

"And your chances mean this alternative—either that my girl's reputation shall be ruined all over the country—all through the army, where she is known and loved—or else that her heart must be broken. This is what it means, Mr. Cowles. This is what you have brought to my family."

"Yes," I said to him slowly, "this is what I have brought."

"Then which do you choose, sir?" he demanded of me.

"I choose to break her heart," I answered, "because that is the truth, and that is right. I only know one way to ride, and that is straight."

He smiled at me coldly in his frosty beard. "That sounds well from you!" he said bitterly. "Ellen!" he raised his voice. "Ellen, I say, come here at once!"

She came before us slowly, halting, leaning on her crutch. A soft flush shone through the brown upon her cheeks. I shall not forget in all my life the picture of her as she stood. Then, lovable in her rags, beautiful in her savagery, the gentleness of generations of culture in all her mien in spite of her rude surroundings, she stepped up and laid her hand upon her father's shoulder, one finger half pointing at the ragged scroll of hide which lay upon the ground before us. I loved her—ah, how I loved her then!

"I signed that, father," she said gently. "I was going to sign it little by little, a letter each week. We were engaged, nothing more. But here or anywhere some time I intend to marry Mr. Cowles. This I have promised of my own free will. He has been both man and gentleman, father. I love him."

I heard the groan which came from his throat. She sprang back.

"What!" she cried. "You object? Listen. I will sign my name now. I will finish it. Give me—give me"—She sought about on the ground for something which would leave a mark. "I say I have not been his, but will be, father, as I like, when I like, now, this very night if I choose, forever. He has done everything for me. I trust him. I know he is a man of honor; that he"— Her voice broke as she looked at my face.

"But what—what is it?" she demanded brokenly.

"Ellen, child, Mr. Cowles has something to tell you."

Then some one in a voice which sounded like mine, but was not mine, told her—told her the truth, which sounded so like a lie. Some one, myself, yet not myself, went on cruelly blackening all the sweet blue sky for her. Some one—I suppose it was myself, late free—felt the clamp of an iron yoke upon his neck.

I saw her knees sink beneath her, but she shrank back when I would have reached out an arm to her as of old.

"I hate that woman!" she blazed. "Suppose she does love you. Do I not love you more? Let her lose—some one must lose." But the next moment I saw her face change.

"It is not that you loved another girl," she whispered, "but that you have deceived me—here, when I was in your power. Oh, it was not right! How could you? Oh, how could you, John Cowles?"

Then once more she changed. The flame of her thoroughbred soul came back to her. Her courage saved her from shame. Her face flushed; she stood straight. "I hate you!" she cried to me. "Go! I will never see you any more."

Still the bright sun shone on. A little bird trilled in the thicket near.

CHAPTER XVIII.

The Yoke.

WHEN we started to the south on the following morning I rode far at the rear under guard. I recall little of our journey toward Laramie save that after a day or two we swung out from the foothills into a short grass country and so finally struck the steady upward sweep of a valley along which lay the great transcontinental trail. I do not know whether we traveled two days or three or four, since all the days seemed night to me and all the nights were uniform in torture. Finally we drove down into a dusty plain and so came to the old frontier fort. Here, then, was civilization—the stagecoach, the new telegraph wire, men and women, weekly or daily touch with the world, that prying curiosity regarding the affairs of others which we call news. To me it seemed tawdry, sordid, worthless, after that which I had left. The noise seemed insupportable, the food distasteful. I could tolerate no roof and in my own ragged robes slept on the ground within the old stockade.

I was still guarded as a prisoner. I was approached by none and had conversation with none until evening of the day after my arrival. When I ate it was at no gentleman's table, but in the barracks. I resented judgment, sentence and punishment, thus executed in one. Evening gun had sounded, and the flag had been furled on my second day at Laramie, when finally Colonel Meriwether sent for me to come to his office quarters.

"Mr. Cowles," said he, "it is time now that you and I had a talk. Presently you will be leaving Laramie. I cannot try you by court martial, for you are a civilian. In short, all I can say to you is to go, with the hope that you may never again cross our lives."

I looked at him a time silently, hating not him personally as much as I hated all the world. But presently I asked him, "Have you no word for me from her?"

"Miss Meriwether has no word for you," he answered sternly, "nor ever will have. You are no longer necessary in her plans."

"Ah, then," said I, "you have changed your own mind mightily."

He set his lips together in his grim fashion. "Yes," said he, "I have changed my mind absolutely. I have just come from a very trying interview. It is not necessary for me to explain to you the full nature of it"—

"Then she has sent for me?"

"She will never send for you, I have said."

"But listen. At least I have brought her back to you safe and sound. Setting aside all my own acts in other matters, why can you not remember at least so much as that? Yet you treat me like a dog. I tell you I shall not leave without word from her, and when I leave I shall make no promises as to when I shall or shall not come back. So long as one chance remains"—

(Continued next week)

A NEW DRY GOODS STORE OPENS IN GLENDALE

In marked line with the marvelous growth of Glendale, Tropico and vicinities, enterprising new firms are constantly securing the most available location for commercial pursuits there.

The latest of these to put in a bid for public favor is the Schilling Dry Goods Store, which will open its doors Saturday, July 6, with a complete stock of new and attractive goods.

The store room is in the new Parker & Sternberg block at 409 So. Brand boulevard. It has been attractively fitted up and its appointments finely arranged for the convenience and comfort of customers. Its management will be in the hands of Mrs. H. D. Ranger, a lady of wide and varied experience in mercantile pursuits, who will give to it her personal supervision.

The opening announcement of this splendid new establishment appears elsewhere in this issue.

The proprietor of this new store in Glendale is backed by a knowledge of his business drawn from an experience of twenty-seven years. Mrs. H. A. Ranger comes to Glendale from Monrovia where for the past seven years she has managed for the Schilling establishment there.

FOR SALE.

GRAPHAPHONE AND 42 RECORDS. 200 Cypress St., $10.00.

Mrs. T. H. Norton, for seventeen years in successful business at Oneonta, N. Y., arrived in Glendale the 8th of April last and has waited patiently since that hour for an opportunity to open up anew in this vicinity. This opportunity is at last afforded her by the completion of the Parker & Sternberg block at 411 South Brand boulevard where, on Wednesday, July 3, she will have her first very attractive opening of an up-to-date first-class store. Her specialty will be fancy goods, art and needle work. A fully equqipped stamping department will be a special feature. With her long experience and careful attention this lady has mastered the art of pleasing. Pay her a visit and be convinced.

FOR RENT.

204 Cypress St., 4 ROOM AND BATH, $12.00.

PAY OF WATER BILLS

Water ordinance fixing rates for water service did not go into effect until July 1. Water bills for June must be paid, at the old rate, at 317 Hill street, Los Angeles.

Water bills for July water, at $1.25 for first 800 cubic feet, and 7 cents for each additional 100 cubic in excess of 800, will be payable August 1 in Tropico at the water company's office, of the location of which there will be due notice.

J. R. Ashton, the Glendale avenue boss baker, has just installed a new 2-barrel sanitary bread mixer and is thus adding to his establishment one of the nearest up-to-date and most sanitary of equipments in the bread making line in all Southern California. Mr. Ashton's wholesale trade is growing rapidly. It now takes in a part of Los Angeles.

NOTICE OF AWARD OF CONTRACT.

Pursuant to statute, and to resolution No. 79 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico, California, adopted June 27, 1912, directing this notice, notice is hereby given that the said Board of Trustees in open session on the 27th day of June 1912, opened, examined and publicly declared all sealed proposals offered for the following work to be done:

First—That that portion of the roadway of Laurel street from the east line of Central avenue to the west line of Brand boulevard and from the east line of Brand boulevard to the westerly line of Glendale avenue be graded, tamped and oiled in accordance with the plans and profiles on file in the office of the City Engineer, and in accordance with specifications for the grading, tamping and oiling, of streets in the City of Tropico on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 9.

Second—That a cement curb be constructed along both lines of the roadway of said Laurel street from the east line of Central avenue to the west line of Brand boulevard and from the east line of Brand boulevard to the westerly line of Glendale avenue (excepting along such portions of the lines of said roadway upon which a cement curb has already been constructed to the official line and grade) in accordance with the specifications for the construction of cement curbs on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 2, except that the top of the street face of all curbs shall be placed fifteen (15) feet from the property line instead of the distance from the property line provided for in said specifications No. 2.

Third—That a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width be constructed along each side of said Laurel street from the east line of Central avenue to the west line of Brand boulevard and from the east line of brand boulevard to the westerly line of Glendale avenue (excepting along such portions of said Laurel street upon which a cement sidewalk five (5) feet in width has already been constructed to the official line and grade), said sidewalk to be constructed according to the specifications for the construction of cement sidewalks on file in the office of the City Clerk of the city of Tropico, said specifications being numbered 1.

Section 24. That the said Board of Trustees of the City of Tropico finds upon estimates directed to be furnished, and furnished by the City Engineer of said City of Tropico, that the total cost of said proposed work or improvement will be greater than fifty (50) cents per front foot along each line of said street so proposed to be improved, as hereinbefore set forth, including the cost of intersection work assessable upon said frontage; and said Board of Trustees determines that serial bonds shall be issued to represent the cost of said work or improvement; said serial bonds shall be extended over a period, ending nine (9) years from and after the 2nd day of January, next succeeding the date of said bonds, and an even annual proportion of the principal sum thereof shall be payable by coupon on the 2nd day of January every year after their date until the whole is paid, and the interest shall be payable semi-annually by coupon on the second days of January and July respectively of each year, at the rate of seven (7) per cent annum on all sums unpaid, until the whole of said principal and interest are paid. Said bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled "an act to provide a system of street improvement bonds to represent certain assessments for the cost of street work and improvement within municipalities and also for the payment of such bonds," approved February 27th, 1893, and of all acts supplementary thereto, or amendatory thereof.

And thereafter on the 27th day of June, 1912, awarded the contract for said work to the lowest regular responsible bidder, to-wit:

To F. R. Sinclair at the prices specified in his proposal on file for said work, to-wit:

Grading, per linear foot, 23 cents.
Oiling and tamping, per square foot, 2½ cents.
Curb, per linear foot of cement curb, 21½ cents.
Sidewalk, per square foot of sidewalk, 7¾ cents.

Said award has been approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of said City of Tropico.

Clerk's office, City of Tropico, July 2, 1912.

S. M. STREET,
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